about 52% in June, 1991 to about 75% in August, 1991.

Tourism Development in Tamil Nadu

*766 SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sites selected by the India Tourism Development Corporation during the last five years in Tamil Nadu for promotion of tourism; and

(b) the progress made so far in the development of these sites?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The ITDC had identified the following two sites for setting up a hotel in Madras either on its own or as a joint venture project in collaboration with the State Tourism Development Corporation.

In February, 89

A site measuring about 3 acres located 4 kms away from the Secretariat on the way to Airport.

For want of agreement on the joint venture terms with the State Tourism Development Corporation no progress could be made in the matter.

In April, 91

A site measuring about 3 acres located at Valluver, Kottam on Koddam Bhakkam Road.

ITDC has approached the Government of Tamil Nadu for allotment of the site for setting up a hotel either by ITDC its own scheme or as a joining venture project with the State Government.

[*Translation*]

Express Train from Patna to Delhi

*767 SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a new direct express train from Patna to Delhi via Allahabad and Kanpur in view of density of passenger traffic on this route; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Purchase of Aircraft for Vayudoot

*768. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the aircraft proposed to be purchased for the Vayudoot, indicating their capacity, cost and other salient features; and

(b) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) At present, Vayudoot has no plans to purchase new aircraft.

(b) Does not arise.